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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

**FREEDOM MAN, MEMBER OF "OUTLAWS" MOTORCYCLE CLUB,
SENTENCED ON FEDERAL WEAPONS CHARGES**

Re: United States v. John NOWOSELSKI

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE -- United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, New Hampshire State Police Colonel Frederick H. Booth, and Clifford Ellston, the Resident Agent in Charge of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, announced that **John NOWOSELSKI**, 44, of Freedom, NH and Cambridge, MA was sentenced today on federal weapons possession charges.

NOWOSELSKI was arrested by the New Hampshire State Police Special Investigations Unit on April 16, 2004. According to an affidavit in support of a Criminal Complaint issued on April 1, 2004, by U.S. Magistrate Judge James Muirhead, the State Police seized 12 firearms, including semi-automatic assault rifles, and evidence of cocaine use from NOWOSELSKI's Freedom residence during a search conducted in October, 2002. NOWOSELSKI admitted to habitual drug use to the investigating detective, and to being a member of the Outlaws Motorcycle Club, which has chapters nationwide, including New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

On October 29, 2004, NOWOSELSKI entered a guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Paul Barbadoro to an information alleging that he unlawfully possessed the firearms. Unlawful drug users are prohibited under federal law from possessing firearms.

At today's sentencing, Judge Barbadoro imposed a sentence of 20 months imprisonment followed by a 2-year period of supervised release during which NOWOSELSKI's behavior will be monitored by the U.S. Department of Probation.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, "Nowoselski's conviction exemplifies this office's commitment to aggressive prosecution of the federal firearms laws as mandated by DOJ's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" initiative. Keeping firearms out of the hands of unlawful drug users is important for public safety, and is one of Project Safe Neighborhood's major objectives.

This office will vigorously enforce the federal firearms laws as we continue to implement Project Safe Neighborhoods in the District of New Hampshire.”

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a federal program to reduce gun violence in New Hampshire by aggressive investigation and prosecution of firearm offenders, education of the public, and training of law enforcement officers about firearms laws.

The conviction resulted from an investigation conducted by the N.H. State Police and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution was handled by First Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante.

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